

Fauquier County FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget

Budget-in-Brief

Budget Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Proposed Budget begins the County's biennial budget process. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) may legally only adopt a final budget and tax rates for FY 2023 and tax rates for Tax Year (TY) 2022. The draft FY 2024 budget and TY 2023 tax rates may only be adopted next year.

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Total Budget	\$340.6M	\$409.3M	\$382.3M
General Fund Budget	\$192.7M	\$210.6M	\$211.8M
Real Estate Taxes as Portion of GF Budget	52.9%	53.3%	54.0%

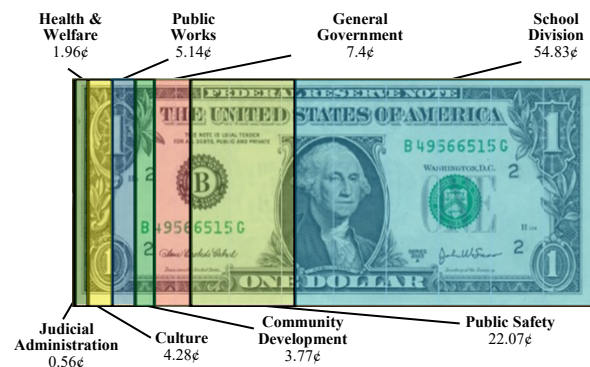
The County Administrator's Proposed Budget is driven by mandatory and critical service delivery factors including but not limited to:

- Full and permanent funding for 24/7 staffing at the Warrenton Fire Station which necessitated 12.0 FTE in new positions, 10 new positions and 2 positions transferred from the Town of Warrenton
- Continued rises in employee health care costs, primarily driven by the increasing costs of prescription drugs
- Continuing to be competitive in an already tight labor market and a rising inflationary environment
- The following unfunded state mandates:

Loss of Recordation Tax	\$217.5K
Virginia Retirement Systems Increases	\$757K
Loss of Grocery Sales Tax	\$2.5M
Total Impact on General Tax Rate	\$0.24

The FY 2023 Proposed Budget introduces a 6% meals tax estimated to generate \$4.8M in revenue in FY 2023.

Tax Dollar Breakdown



School Division

The School Division's FY 2023 Proposed Budget totals **\$173,520,305**, a 5.0% increase over their FY22 adopted budget. The School Division's FY 2023 Proposed Operating Budget totals \$160,983,588 a \$9.5 million, 6.3%, increase over their FY22 Adopted operating budget. This increase includes a \$2.7 million increase in local transfer from the County's General Fund, for a total Proposed FY 2023 transfer of \$95.8 million. In addition, debt services payments and County consolidated services bring total County support of the School Division to \$115.5M in FY 2023, an increase of 3.7M over the FY2022 Adopted Budget.

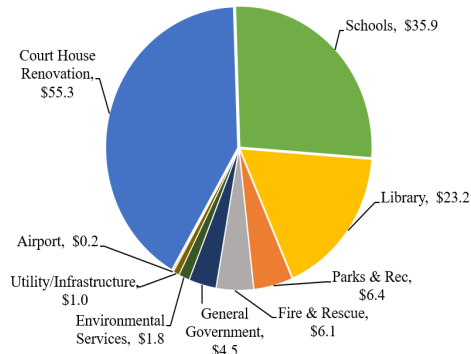
	FY 2023	FY 2024
County Transfer	\$95.8M	\$95.8M
Debt Service	\$9.4M	11.5M
Consolidated Services	\$10.3M	\$10.4M
Total County Support	\$115.5M	\$117.7M

**** The Tax Year (TY) ties to the calendar year. TY 2022 runs from January—December 2022.**

Fauquier County's Fiscal Year (FY) runs from July—June and are named for the calendar year in which they end. FY 2023 runs from July 2022—June 2023. **

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The FY 2023 — FY 2027 Proposed CIP totals \$134.6 million, with an additional \$186.0 million for future years.



Major projects include:

- \$4.7M for the Bealeton Fire Station renovation
- \$23.2M for the construction of the new Central Library
- \$35.9M of debt financing for the Taylor Middle School project
- \$55.4M for Courthouse renovations and improvements which will require a bond referendum

Reassessment

The County's reassessment process is completed on a four-year basis. The overall impact change in value of real property since 2018 resulted in an 26.5% increase in the total assessed value of real properties and 29.0% increase in total taxable value. The average residential assessment value increased 21.8% from \$378,000 to \$460,445.



A home with the average residential assessed value of **\$460,445** in 2022...

...with a tax rate of **\$0.933 per \$100** of assessed value...

...has a Real Estate tax bill of a **\$4,295.95**

The TY 2021 average real estate tax bill was \$3,757.32. This is a \$538.63 increase to the average homeowner tax bill.

Tax Rate Comparison

Tax / Fee		Tax Year 2021 Adopted Rate	Tax Year 2022 Proposed Rate ²	Change
Real Estate	General	\$0.855	\$0.771	(\$0.084)
	Fire & Rescue	\$0.133	\$0.157	\$0.024
	Conservation Easement Service District	\$0.006	\$0.005	(\$0.001)
Personal Property	Personal	\$4.65	\$3.45	(\$1.20)
	Business	\$2.30	\$3.45	\$1.15
Stormwater Management Fee ¹		\$13.64	\$13.64	\$0.00

¹The Stormwater Management Fee is a County-wide special assessment, on a per parcel basis.

²County Administration has advertised an overall Real Estate tax rate of \$0.994 for TY 2022 to allow the BOS flexibility when considering the proposed budget.

Fire & Rescue Levy

The FY 2023 Proposed Fire & Rescue Levy, which ties to Tax Year 2022, is \$0.157, an increase of two and four-tenths cents over the current levy. This increase is projected to generate an additional \$3.5 million in revenue and will fund contributory increases to VFRA, increased staffing for the Warrenton Fire Station (creation of 12.0 FTEs in FY 2022), adjustments to reflect historical three-year spending for overtime and workers' compensation. In addition the proposed budget includes a scenario for a Public Safety pay scale with adjustments to certification payments.

FY 2023-2024 Budget Calendar

FY 23 Proposed Budget & Tax Year 2022 Public Hearing

Date	Time	Location
March 15	7:00 p.m.	Fauquier High School Auditorium 705 Waterloo Road Warrenton, VA

Budget Work Sessions

Date	Time	Location
March 4	1:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA
March 10	4:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA
March 15 (with school board)	3:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA
March 18	2:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA
March 29	2:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA
March 31 Mark-up/ Mark-down	4:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA

Budget Adoption & Appropriation

Date	Time	Location
April 4	4:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA

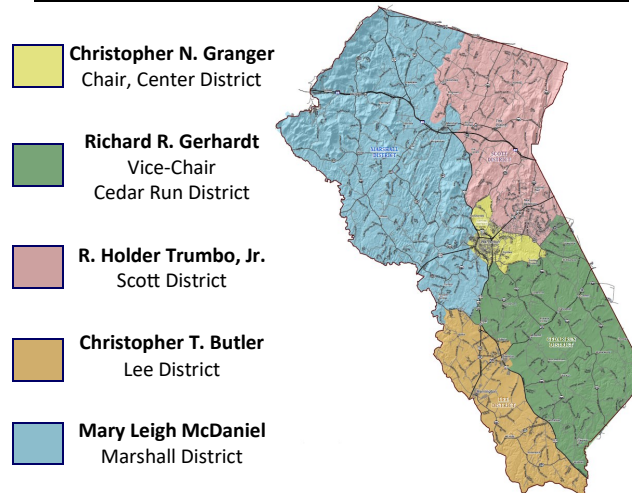
Please note that dates are subject to change. Please see <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/living/county-calendar> for updates.

For More Information

The Board of Supervisors will conduct its evaluation of the Proposed Budget in March, with budget adoption scheduled for April 4, 2022. Members of the public are invited to speak at the Board of Supervisors' public hearing scheduled for March 15, 2022, or submit their comments by e-mail to: bos@fauquiercounty.gov. The FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget is also available in the following locations:

- Fauquier County Office of Management & Budget
- County Administrator's Office
- <https://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/management-and-budget>

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